

## ANOTHER ASTEROID NEAR MISS

On 20th May this year, an asteroid only a few metres across came closer to hitting the Earth than any other in our known past.

Tom Gehrels of the University of Arizona discovered the object with the Spacewatch telescope a few hours after it passed the Earth at a distance of approximately 150,000 kilometres.

(Source: *New Scientist*, 26 June 1993)

## NORIEGA EXPOSES GEORGE BUSH ON ABC TV

The American ABC News programme, *Prime Time Live*, ran the first televised interview with the imprisoned General Manuel Antonio Noriega on 17 June. Despite the harshness of his situation as a prisoner of war at the Miami Correctional Center, General Noriega appeared quite lively, laughing and making many jokes.

Noriega directly blamed "George Walker Bush" for the destruction of Panama during the 20 December 1989 invasion of Panama. His description of the crimes Bush committed were accompanied by shocking clips of the gutted neighbourhood of Chorrillo, in which thousands of civilians died during



the US bombing in 1989.

Noriega said that in 1985, then-National Security Advisor Admiral John Poindexter, had wanted Noriega to set up a provocation with Nicaragua, and then ask the US for help, thus allowing a US invasion of Nicaragua. Noriega refused, and claims Bush is punishing him for his refusal to be a yes-man.

"If I had been a yes-man to the White House and the CIA," Noriega told ABC's Diane Sawyer, "why am I here in prison? It is because I said no." Sawyer then proceeded to point out many of the witnesses against the general were convicted drug dealers whose sentences had been reduced.

The interview also made the point that

drug operations have increased dramatically in Panama since Noriega's capture.

## PARKING TICKET FOR DEAD DRIVER

Los Angeles (of course)—A parking control officer who ticketed a Cadillac illegally parked on Piru Street in Los Angeles one Friday morning, got no excuses from the driver sitting stiffly behind his steering wheel.

The motorist had been caught, illegally parked next to the curb on a street sweeping day. The officer left the ticket on the dashboard of the partly opened window and drove off.

The driver however was dead, shot in the head as early as 13 hours before his parking fine.

Sgt Sam Silva, supervisor of parking control in the area, said that the parking officer was probably so busy that he just didn't notice the guy was dead.

(Source: *Moneychanger*, June 1993)

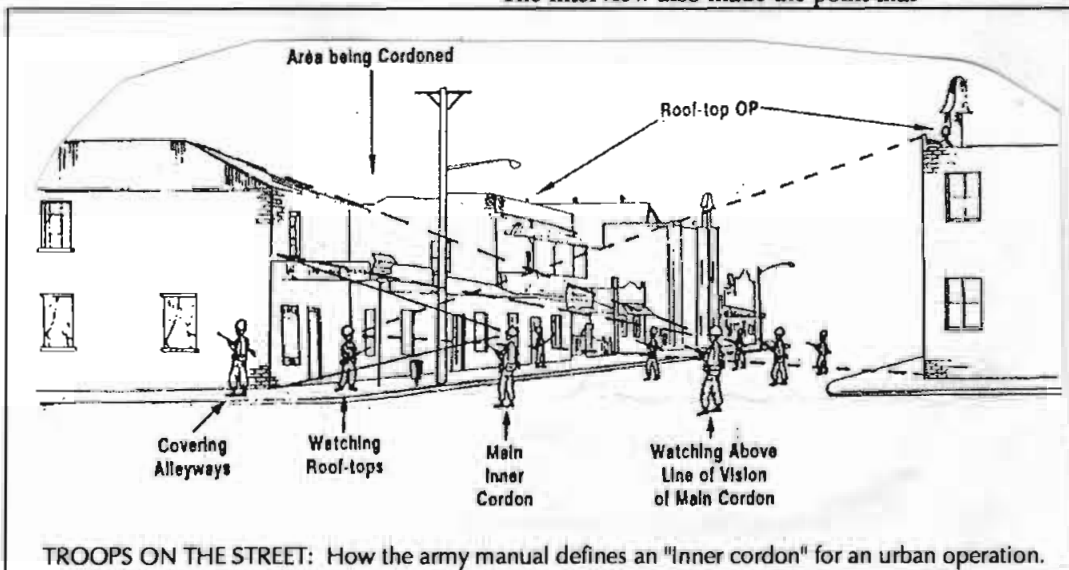
## ARMY PREPARES FOR "THE THREAT"

The Australian Army has been issued a secret training manual which gives explicit guidelines on how to set up and enforce what is tantamount to a 'police state'. The only thing missing is the excuse for legislation to be passed, enacting the conditions outlined in the manual.

The manual contains guidelines on how to fire on unarmed crowds, how to collect intelligence on "dissidents", and establish civilian detention centres.

Under the heading of "The Threat", the manual provides details on how the army should respond to requests to assist civil authorities with incidents such as industrial, social and political disturbances.

The manual also instructs the army to lie to the media when reporting on situations which could result in bad publicity.



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Detailed instructions are given on how to search people, their houses, cars, bikes and, where applicable, farm outbuildings and haystacks. The manual states that particular attention should be paid by searchers to the hair of women and children.

The list of intelligence gathering requirements includes not just information about dissidents, but also dissident "sympathisers", sources of material and financial aid for dissidents, dissident resupply systems, location of dissident safe areas, and the attitude of the media.

One wonders how this manual ties in with the obvious 'high-level' agenda on Australia becoming a republic?

(Source: *The Sun-Herald*, 6 June 1993)

## BOUGAINVILLE MEDICINES CONFISCATED BY AUSSIE POLICE

Rosemarie Gillespie, campaigner for human rights in Bougainville, was arrested by NSW police as she travelled en route to Canberra from Melbourne on 27 May.

Ms Gillespie was charged with 50 counts of supplying a restricted substance and was ordered to surrender her passport.

The "restricted substances" involved were antibiotic and antimalarial drugs donated by Melbourne's Alfred and Royal Children's Hospitals to the Australian Humanitarian Aid for Bougainville organisation.

The fact that Ms Gillespie was supposedly pulled over on traffic offences which were never pursued, and her car searched, has all the earmarks of a put-up job.

Bougainville has been blockaded by the Papua New Guinea government for over three years, with the result that over 2000 children have died as a result of lack of vital medical supplies.

As a condition of her bail, the police required Ms Gillespie's passport, which prevented her from accompanying Bougainville's delegation to the UN Human Rights Conference in Vienna.

Ms Gillespie's arrest raises many questions that need to be answered. Was she under surveillance by state and federal police while in Melbourne? Given the Australian government's mili-

tary backing of PNG and the blockade of Bougainville through supply of weapons, ammunition, training and the supply of helicopters and patrol boats, were the federal government spy agencies involved in Gillespie's arrest and the sabotage of her humanitarian project?

(Source: *Green Left Weekly* #102, 2 June 1993; *The Weekend Australian*, 29-30 May 1993)

## GULF WAR RADIOACTIVITY

Over a year and a half ago, NEXUS reported on the use of radioactive bullets during the Gulf War (ref: NEXUS, vol. 2, #6). We accessed the information for this news item from several sources, namely *The Independent Times on Sunday* (UK), a press release from the Iraqi Embassy, and a leaked news item from AAP from a friendly TV news director at the time—in other words, the mainstream media around the world had access to this information.

In the USA today, thousands of military personnel who fought in the Gulf War are dying from radiation-related illnesses—and the Pentagon claims it does not know why. They are obviously lying to their own people, and the media as usual are helping them do it.

The compensation monies that the US government would have to pay to these soldiers (assuming they admit the truth) would be enormous. We wonder if that

has anything to do with it?

The bullets, made of depleted uranium, are designed to pierce armour, and are fired from planes and tanks. An estimated 150,000 pounds of uranium dust is currently contaminating the water, soil, air and food of Iraq and Kuwait, and already an epidemic of cancer and leukaemia has hit the countries' children.

Some sources are now reporting that an estimated 500,000 Iraqi civilians will die over the next 20 years as a result of the radioactive dust from these bullets.

## FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER LINKED TO BONE CANCER

Fluoride in drinking water has been linked osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. A New Jersey Department of Health study has strengthened the significance of two previous studies.

In the report, osteosarcoma was found in males under 20 to be 50% higher in New Jersey municipalities serviced with artificially fluoridated drinking water, than their non-fluoridated counterparts.

"In the three most heavily fluoridated communities, an almost sevenfold increase in osteosarcoma was found in young males between 10 and 19 years of age," reported John Lee, a medical doctor and fluoride expert.

William Marcus, a toxicologist and senior science advisor at the EPA



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(Environmental Protection Agency), said that "If this were any other chemical but fluoride, there would be a call for the immediate cessation of its use. It shows potential of great harm."

(Source: *Acres USA*, March 1993)

### MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX (MIC) SET TO RUN AUSSIE BASES

Many people view the New World Order as a bunch of power-hungry politicians combining forces across geopolitical boundaries to share growing world power—and this may be so.

But, never forget that politicians are small fry compared to the power of the military-industrial complex (MIC), who can (and do) buy and sell politicians as they see fit.

So it is uncomfortable to read that the management of our nation's military capabilities is being tendered to subsidiaries of these powerful multinationals.

Take for example the giant storage and transport facility at Moorebank. Negotiations for the contract to manage this facility are still under way, but three Australian companies—Linfox, Mayne Nickless and Australian Defence Industries—have already been told they have been beaten. Still in the running are Serco (part of a UK firm) and PAE,

(US-owned). It is understood that Serco is also shortlisted to run the RAAF's Fairbairn base in Canberra, and the huge Puckapunyal army base in Victoria.

(Source: *Sun-Telegraph*, 30 May 1993)

### JOHN FRIEDRICH AND THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

The coronial inquest into the death of the former head of the Victorian division of the National Safety Council of Australia, concluded in June this year that John Friedrich had committed suicide.

Friedrich, who it is claimed pulled off one of Australia's biggest frauds, used the Victorian branch of the NSCA as a base for CIA gun-running and military espionage, the court was told.

What actually did happen to Friedrich will probably remain a mystery to most of us. The inquest appeared to conclude that Friedrich lived in a world of paranoid delusion—and was a crook.

But there is strong cause to believe some of Friedrich's claims about his position in the Victorian branch of the NSCA. Many of its key personnel have military/intelligence backgrounds, and its parent organisation in the USA has links to the NSA, the big brother of the CIA.

Also, the helicopters and equipment used by the NSCA Victorian branch would be the envy of many countries' armed forces. For instance, the heat sens-

ing equipment used on some helicopters can detect the sex of a fully clothed person over a mile away, just by reading the heat patterns emitted from the genital areas! The helicopters themselves are among the fastest and most sophisticated of their type in the world today.

In 1989, the NSCA purchased no less than 5 Spanish-built CN-235s, a state-of-the-art update on the Australian military's ageing twin-engine troop transport, the Caribou. Priced at around \$10 million each, not even the Australian military can afford the cost or sophistication of one of these. What is even more odd is that the CN-235 is specifically designed for rapid troop deployment, not for rescuing hitchhikers or putting out fires.

Plus—when was the last time you saw or heard of the National Safety Council involved in a disaster or a rescue? It's always the TV networks' helicopters, or one of the banks' helicopters who are mentioned as the saviour of the day.

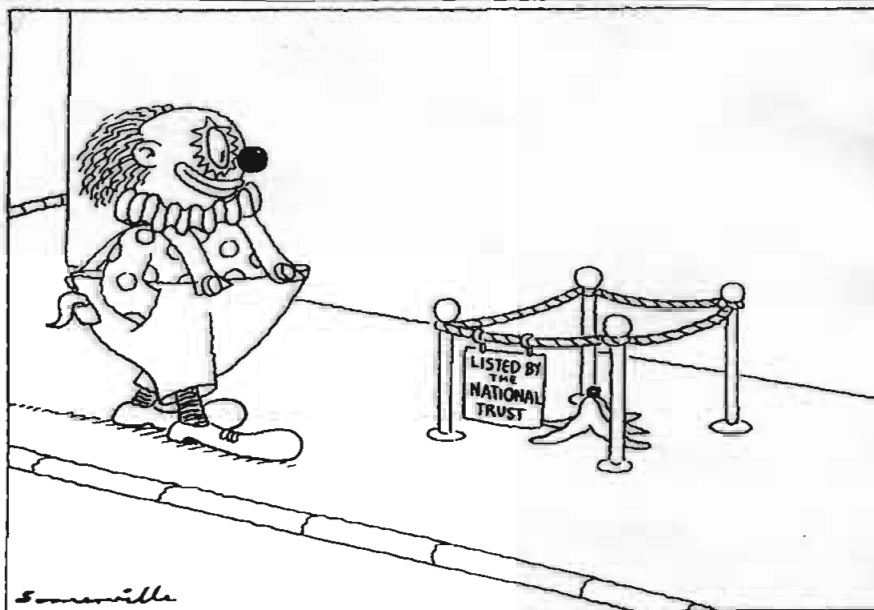
True, the NSCA does use these men and equipment to carry out some rescues and put out fires, and for these services it charges a fee, which is SUPPOSED to be the source of its funds, to employ its personnel and buy and maintain its equipment. But our research reveals that the total fees collected in a year would not even pay the servicing costs on one small basic helicopter over the same period, let alone over a dozen of these high-tech models.

Apart from helicopters, the NSCA owns and maintains a small fleet air arm of assorted civilian and paramilitary aircraft, an extensive range of four-wheel drive paramilitary vehicles, and even a small, but efficient navy. As well, it pays for, and maintains, a small army of personnel, who spend much of their time training and practising military-style manoeuvres, such as rappelling from helicopters, and storming buildings, Bass Strait oil rigs, and so on.

(Sources: *Inside News*, November 1988; January 1989; March 1989)

### F.E.M.A.

The Americans have an equivalent body to our National Safety Council—it also spends more time involved in pseudo-paramilitary activities rather than rescuing hitchhikers or helping out in natural disasters, as this report shows:



The Federal Emergency Management Agency, responsible for providing aid during natural disasters, spent most of its money over the past decade on a top-secret programme to enable the government to survive a nuclear attack, according to a report published Sunday.

A six-month investigation by Cox Newspapers concluded that for every dollar FEMA spent on responding to natural disasters, almost US\$12 was spent on the secret programme, which was built around a vast communications network.

The network includes a fleet of 300 vehicles in five mobile units scattered from Washington state to Massachusetts and from Colorado to Georgia, according to the report.

National security programmes accounted for 78% of FEMA's budget from 1982 to 1991, dwarfing the amount spent on natural disasters—just 6.6% of the budget, the report said.

Yet the national security programme money appears annually as just a single line in FEMA's budget—"submitted under a separate package", according to the report, which said a third of FEMA's 2,700 employees work in the project.

The report was also critical of FEMA's effort to provide relief after Hurricane Andrew devastated south Florida last fall.

For example, it said, the city manager of Homestead, Florida, pleaded for 100 hand-held radios because the town had only one working telephone. Instead, FEMA sent high-tech vans capable of sending encrypted, multi-frequency radio messages to military aircraft halfway around the world.

The mobile communications units across the nation include generators capable of powering a three-storey airport terminal. Sensitive radio, telephone and satellite gear is stored in custom-built trucks.

In Thomasville, Georgia, FEMA built a bomb shelter at the Federal Regional Center in 1971 when there was the threat of a Soviet nuclear attack. The agency spends millions of dollars each year maintaining it and other underground facilities.

*(Source: Report by Cox Newspapers, downloaded via MUFON BBS Network on Wednesday 24 February 1993)*

## BUT WHO DESTROYED SOMALIA?

The UN action marks the first offensive use of "peacekeeping troops" in its history; other UN military actions were not carried out by such troops. Peacekeeping troops are only authorised to use force when attacked. This transformation of the role of these troops, expressly contrary to the UN Charter, is part of the project of establishing a UN army.

Contrary to the lies peddled in the European press, the destruction of Somalia by famine and civil war is the direct responsibility of the United States, Britain, France, and the UN, and not any of the "warlords," including Aideed, who at most are mere pawns.

The destruction of Somalia is the direct result of actions taken in 1990 by western governments to pull the plug on then-Somali President Siad Barre, who had ruled the country for 20 years but who had displeased the northern powers by his repeated efforts to block International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditionalities on his country. His effort to build such needed projects as the Baardheere Dam was harshly condemned. Complaining of "human rights" abuses, the powers cut off all aid in 1989. Under IMF dictate, Somalia was paying 48% of its export earnings to debt service that year; it had devalued its currency by 460%, also under IMF demand. This is a country where, before the war, life expectancy

was only 48 years, and infant mortality was among the highest in the world.

By January 1991, the effects of such usurious measures had sufficiently weakened Barre that he was overthrown by the Italian-based United Somali Congress after a bitter fight. Simultaneous with the overthrow, the UN picked up and left Somalia, as did all the various human rights and relief agencies.

Although Barre had been ousted, bands of competing military units—all funded out of Italy, Britain, and Washington—continued to wreak devastation. It was obvious that, unlike other coups, these powers did not want any one faction to take over the government, but rather desired continuing chaos. Beginning in the summer of 1991, a bitter clan and sub-clan war broke out between the forces of General Aideed and current nominal Somali President Ali Mahdi Mohammed, as well as between other clans.

Already by December 1991, EIR and many other organisations were warning that Somalia faced a famine of huge proportions; but the UN and the northern powers did nothing. It is difficult not to conclude that the UN and the permanent members of the Security Council deliberately helped to create the catastrophe in order to have a pretext for declaring sovereignty passé.

*(Source: "UN Policy Makes Somalia A Hell On Earth", written by Joseph Brewda, in EIR International, 25 June 1993)*

